



SATURDAY, SEPT. 17, 1898.

EMPERESS ASSASSINATED

Elizabeth of Austria the Victim of an Italian Anarchist.

SHE WAS STABBED TO THE HEART

Her Brutal Slayer Glories in His Crime and Declares That He Acted Entirely on His Own Responsibility—Emperor Francis Joseph's Fortitude.

Vienna, Sept. 12.—The plans for the funeral of the late Empress Elisabeth, who was assassinated by an anarchist on Saturday at Geneva, contemplate bringing the remains to Vienna next Thursday, a lying-in-state on Friday, and the obsequies of interment on Saturday.

The assassin is Luigi Luitig, a native of Italy and an ex-Italian soldier. He had been working as a stone mason in Geneva, and last month he took the preliminary steps to become a naturalized Swiss. His application papers, however, he withdrew last Monday. The Italian records show that Luitig was an illegitimate child and took his mother's name. He has been twice arrested as a defaulter from military service.

The inhuman desperado wielded a three edged file, very slender and sharp. The weapon inflicted at one single blow a mortal wound, the keen instrument piercing the breast of the unfortunate victim just above the heart. Internal bleeding ensued, and after a brief, who had been hastily summoned, had administered extreme unction to the dying woman she expired in great agony.

The empress had been for several days a guest at Beauvillage, and was walking from the hotel when the mur-



ANARCHY'S LATEST VICTIM.

der committed his atrocious crime. After having been stabbed the empress arose and walked on board the steamer, where she felt fainting. The captain did not wish to put off from the quay, but did so at the request of the empress and her suite, there being no apprehension that she was seriously hurt. The steamer was turned back before reaching the open lake, and the empress, unconscious, was carried to the hotel on a stretcher. Doctors and priests were immediately summoned, and a telegram was sent to Emperor Francis Joseph. Efforts to revive her majesty were unavailing, and she expired at 3 o'clock.

After striking the blow the assassin ran along the Rue des Alpes, with the evident intention of entering the Square des Alpes, but before reaching it he was seized by two cabmen who had witnessed the crime. They handed him over to a boatman and a gendarme, who conveyed him to the police station. The prisoner made no resistance. He even sang as he walked along, saying: "I did it," and "She must be dead." At the police station he declared that he was a "starving anarchist, with no hatred for the poor, but only for the rich." Throughout the examination of the assassin his demeanor was one of revolting cynicism. He frankly congratulated himself upon the success of his crime. He said: "I am an anarchist, but I belong to no committee. Let them do as they like with me. That is my strength." He added that he regretted that the death penalty does not exist in the canton where the tragedy occurred.

In prison he has boasted of his crime, and he has addressed a letter to a Milan newspaper expressing a fear lest he be mistaken by Professor Cenci Lombroso for a degenerate. Dilating in this communication upon the objects of militant anarchism he wrote: "Above all it is the great who must be struck. Not only sovereigns and their ministers will be reached by the comrades, but all who make men miserable on earth."

He says he was not impelled by misery to kill the empress, as such a course would have been idiotic, but he committed the deed "in order that such crimes, following one upon another, might cause all who impoverish the populace to tremble and shiver." The document concludes: "I am an anarchist by conviction."

The autopsy on the body of the murdered empress took place yesterday. It showed that both the lung and heart were pierced by the assassin's dagger. The examination showed an almost imperceptible wound, the file having penetrated the heart and not causing exterior bleeding.

As yet the authorities have found no confirmation that the murder was part of an anarchist conspiracy, but a dozen persons with whom the assassin associated have been arrested for examination.

Empress Elisabeth was about returning to Caix, France, when she was murdered. Her suite had proceeded by train, leaving with her only her maid of honor, Countess Szapary, and a man servant.

The emperor's fortitude is the topic of universal admiration. He is bearing up manfully despite the fearful shock, which, in view of his age, had inspired the gravest apprehension. Although at first stunned and slightly hysterical, he soon regained his self control, and

displayed remarkable calmness. Occasionally, however, completely overpowered by his grief, he moaned pitifully, repeatedly sobbing the name of the empress.

THE NEGRO NATIONAL EXPOSITION.

A Conference Held Here—An Effort to Incorporate—The Next Meeting in Washington.

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 9, 1898.

Pursuant to a call for a National Conference of representative colored men to convene in Richmond, Va., Sept. 9, 1898, to consider the feasibility, etc., of holding a Negro National Exposition some where in the United States, the said conference convened in the Y. M. C. A. Hall at 2:30 p. m. and was called to order by Geo. Williams, Jr., of Lynchburg, Va., the originator of the idea and the chief promoter of the undertaking, who in a brief and pointed way explained the purpose of the Conference.

After a formal and permanent organization was effected, an informal discussion as to the advisability of holding such an Exposition and its purpose, scope and character. It was decided that a successful Industrial, Mercantile, Artistic and Agricultural Exposition would be of invaluable benefit to the Negroes of the United States in showing their progress since emancipation, intellectually, mechanically, industrially and otherwise.

A motion was carried "That we recommend the incorporation by act of the United States Congress a Negro National Exposition Association of the United States of America, etc.," that is for the purpose and reasons above set forth.

On motion a committee was appointed to decide as to whether a conference assembled or a general committee should be appointed to meet at a subsequent time to decide on time and how the place shall be chosen for holding such an Exposition to have Congress incorporate a suitable association or body for the purpose of holding the Exposition and such other matters as may be referred to it. The committee reported in favor of appointing a general committee to meet in Washington, D. C., Dec. 1, 1898. The committee's report being adopted unanimously, the chair was empowered to appoint such a general committee representing as many states as possible to convene in Washington City at the time above designated.

On motion a vote of thanks was extended to George Williams, Jr., for advancing such a great idea, being so energetic in putting it before the people and successful in having so many states and the District of Columbia represented in the Conference.

On motion the Conference adjourned at 8 p. m.

Other papers will please copy and forward them to 307 12th St., Lynchburg, Va., and they will be kept posted as to our movements.

Geo. Williams, Jr., Chairman; G. W. Hayes, Secretary.

THE GAMBLER.

Rember respectfully asks the Richmond Religious Herald in its solution of the "Negro Problem," who are the jalla prison-houses of refuge and reformation, reformatory schools and founding hospitals built and sustained for?

Are colored or white men responsible for the inhuman treatment of American soldiers in the present war?

A doctor's report in the New York Times of the 10th inst. says: "The landing of several hundred sick and starving men was delayed for hours by inhumanity of the officers on board in insisting that they be disinfected and allowed to land first. The sufferings and hardships of privates on these transports, as seen by eye witnesses who told me of them, almost exceed the limits of human belief. No less than sixteen cases of insanity had been noted among the returning soldiers due to suffering and starvation."

Such is among the superior class or race, who has had centuries of freedom. What may be looked for among a class or race that has not had a half century of freedom?

That a president of an institution of learning, of some corporation in the educational department of life, shall be an educated man is a superb idea, imbued with common sense.

That a president of a benevolent, beneficial society, caring of the sick and burying of the dead, and giving to the survivors of the dead, should be an educated person is an insane idea. So also is the idea that a pastor of a church should be an educated person, tinged with insanity.

There are many persons who are thoroughly educated, yet not competent to be presidents, pastors, etc.

The main thing is competency, taste, ability, qualifications, well seasoned with common sense. Some colored folks harp a great deal about education, and seek to run things on an educational line; yet, there is a large American Missionary Society that has several colored schools in the southern states, which implies, that it cannot find enough educated men among the colored people to turn the said schools over to them. How many strictly educated men and women have we?

Some harbor the idea that an educated person, one, simply able to read, write and cipher. A person may



THE CAMPAIGN IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Major General Wesley Merritt is now in command of the big American army in the Philippines, and two of his ablest officers are General Greene and General Anderson. Aguinaldo, the insurgent chief, has about 20,000 men.

be perfect in such and he thousands of miles from being an educated person. An educated person is one whose mental powers have been led out trained in every branch of knowledge whose understanding is thoroughly enlightened, informed, whose principles and character are formed and regulated, who is prepared and fit for any calling or business, or activity and usefulness of life.

Are there not numbers of school teachers far from being educated? How many of our D. Ds. are educated persons?

Many have an "educated ministry" on the brain. There are many in the "educated ministry" who do not go in and out before the people any better than uneducated ministers. There are "uneducated" ministers who have more piety, godliness of vitality and sound morality than have some "educated" ministers.

Rev. Dr. Williams has told the public of the composition of his church membership. Who next?

Dr. Smith of the Christian Banner has not been heard from. As said Elijah on Mt. Carmel, is he talking, or is he pursuing, or is he on a journey, or per adventure he is sleeping and must be awakened, "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."—Eph. 5:14.

NOTICE.

The Good Samaritans of Manchester will have a memorial meeting of the life of our late Brother C. W. Harris Monday night at 8 o'clock, at Samaritans hall, the Deputies of Richmond and members in general are cordially invited to be present.

W. H. HATCHER, Deputy.

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GENERAL BROOKE. One of the members of the Portorican Commission.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Brother James Hennes conducted the meeting in the fall last Sunday assisted by Mrs. B. D. Bower, Mrs. Francis Harner and daughter. The meeting was very impressive. Colored prisoners 145.

Our General Secretary S. C. Burrell preached for Dr. Bings pastor of the 1st Baptist Church, Manchester, last Sunday at 11 A. M.

The boys enjoyed the address delivered to them last Sunday by their President.

Brother Randolph Gray addressed the men last Sunday. Our brother presented many helpful thoughts and all enjoyed the address. The solo by Director C. C. Williams were well rendered.

Boys' meeting Sunday 4 P. M.

Director R. J. Bass will address the men Sunday 5:30 P. M. Solo by Director C. C. Williams.

Do not forget the opportunity to be helped. Our Night School will be opened to all October 8th. Fifty cents per month in advance. Brother Paul Pollard one of our active young men left Thursday, Sept. 15th for the V. N. C. L., Petersburg, Va. We wish all the success that may come to a worthy young man. We shall miss him. Ever remember him by his work.

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11TH ANNIVERSARY

Of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.

Sunday September 18th (11:00 a. m.) the pastor will preach his anniversary sermon, subject: "The Result of Earnest Labor." At 3:00, Rev. Z. D. Lewis, D. D., will preach. At 8 o'clock, Rev. A. Bings, D. D., will preach. There will also be a lawn festival on Monday night. We ask all our friends to come and help us. There will be good music all day by several choirs of the city. Come and help us. Rev. W. H. White, Pastor. J. T. Brown, Clerk.

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Signed, JOHN MITCHELL, JR., Prop. 11.

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To the Corner-stone Laying of the Union Baptist Church, Rev. C. H. Phillips, pastor.

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